Petition challenging the Govt's determination of the tentative liability is pending in the Delhi High Court and the case is, therefore, sub judice. The question of taking action for lapse, if any, in the computation of the tentative liabilities would arise only after the said liabilities are finally determined. The case is being defended in accordance with the advice of the Government's legal experts.

Vacant Post of Adviser (Drugs)

1662. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the post of Adviser (Drugs) is lying vacant for more than three years;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof and since when;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government are proposing to abolish this post;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether it is also a fact that number of anomalies in various reports have come to the notice of Government due to lack of Technical advice;

(f) by when Adviser (Drugs) would be appointed;

(g) what are the details of officers who are looking after technical aspects and what is the qualification and post held by each;

(h) whether it is a fact that Government have received complaints against any of these officers; and

(i) if so, the details of each complaint, date of its receipt and action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Inspite of repeated efforts to fill up the post of Adviser (Drug) UPSC was unable to select a suitable candidate. The candidate recommended by UPSC in 1990 for appointment to the post on contract basis did not join.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) UPSC will again be requested to recommend suitable candidate.

(g) Officers looking after technical work are well qualified to perform the various tasks assigned to them.

(h) and (i) There has been a complaint against the then Assistant Development Commissioner (Drugs) which is under examination.

Vacant Posts in the Department of Chemicals

1663. SMT. PRATIBHA SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that number of posts are lying vacant in the Department fo Chemicals for a long time;

(b) if so, the details thereof and since when each post is vacant.

(c) whether it is a fact that Junior Technical Officers in the Department looking after drugs Divisions and attending all important meetings.

(d) If so, names of the officers, qualification of each and the details of meetings being attended by each;

(e) what is the role of Technical Posts and for what purpose the same are being used;

(f) whether it is also a fact that a number of posts have been filled on ad-hoc basis; and

(g) if so, the details of posts, names of officers and since when each is posted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (b) Three statements giving the detailed position in this regard are enclosed.